



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - June 7, 2002**

- ***In the West***, another heat wave is underway across ***southern California and the Southwest***, causing further deterioration of rangeland and straining drought-reduced irrigation reserves. In contrast, cool weather is slowing small grain development across the ***interior Northwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, cool, breezy conditions prevail in ***Montana***, slowing pasture and small grain development and drying topsoils. Meanwhile, hot weather is returning to the drought-affected ***central and southern High Plains***, increasing stress on dryland summer crops.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, fieldwork delays persist in some unplanted lowlands from ***Missouri to Ohio***, despite a recent return to dry weather. Soil moisture remains mostly favorable for corn and soybean development elsewhere in the ***Midwest***, although some pockets of dryness persist in the ***northwestern Corn Belt***.
- ***In the South***, beneficial showers are reducing irrigation requirements across ***Florida***. Farther north and west, pastures and dryland crops in the ***southern Atlantic Coastal Plain*** and much of the ***lower Mississippi Valley*** are in need of additional moisture, despite recent scattered showers.

**Outlook:** Showers will linger in the ***Southeast*** and along the ***Gulf Coast*** today, while dry, cool weather will overspread the ***Corn Belt and the Northeast***. Over the weekend, rain will develop on the ***northern and central Plains***, while showers will accompany below-normal temperatures in the ***Pacific Northwest*** and the ***northern and central Rockies***. Showers and thunderstorms will persist in the ***Delta*** and ***Southeast***, but the ***Southwest*** will remain dry. Early next week, rain is forecast to return to the ***Corn Belt***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 12-16 calls for above-normal temperatures across the ***central and southern Plains and the Southwest***, but below-normal temperatures across much of the ***eastern one-third of the U.S.*** Wetter-than-normal weather is forecast for the ***upper Midwest and eastern one-third of the nation***, while drier-than-normal weather is expected in ***northern California, the Great Basin, northern and central Rockies, and much of the High Plains region***.

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